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Washington, D.C. – With California families and businesses increasingly feeling the squeeze from high gas prices,

The legislation, H.R. 6515, the Drill Responsibly in Leased Lands Act, also requires that domestically-produced oil be sold to U.S. consumers.

“American families and businesses are suffering from record prices at the pump and they need help. I’ve

“Today, I said again as I’ve said before, the oil companies have 68 million acres of leased land for drilling.

Specifically, the Drill Responsibly in Leased Lands Act:

- Mandates that the Bush Administration conduct annual lease sales for 5 years to ensure that the land is
- Requires the Transportation Secretary to facilitate the necessary pipeline infrastructure to bring the oil
- Bans the export of Alaskan oil. In 2000, about 7 percent of crude oil production from the Alaskan North Slope
- Requires oil companies to diligently develop leases on federal lands that they are already holding.
- Directs the Interior Secretary to take steps to ensure that federal oil and gas lease holders are made

Due to a procedural rule for the consideration of H.R. 6515, even though the legislation ostensibly received

